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Comments: I would like voice my opposition of the Newark Exploratory Drilling Project. I believe this project will lead to general disturbances within the area of the drilling, and I have environmental concerns with the project. Specifically I have concerns regarding water use and water quality of the drilling area. I haven't seen any assurances that drilling to the depths of the holes specified won't cause issues to the watershed of the area. Also, the amount of water planned to be used on a daily basis is very high. If this water is coming from the city of Custer it seems to me to be a major waste of water, and a concerning use considering we live in a semi arid climate.

I also have major concerns about the sovereignty of the land, per the treaty of Fort Laramie this land should belong to the Native Americans of the area. Obviously we can't erase the past 150 years of history, but moving forward we should strive to protect these lands and respect the wishes of the tribes.

I firmly believe this project should not move forward.